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SUBJECT: COOPER/MIYAZAKI MEETING

1. SUMMARY. UNDER SECRETARY COOPER MET FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAKI ON MAY 30 TO DISCUSS BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS. IN ADDITION TO FOLLOWING UP ON MATTERS RAISED DURING PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S RECENT VISIT, BOTH OFFICIALS DISCUSSED US-JAPAN COORDINATION FOR BONN SUMMIT, NORTH-SOUTH DISCUSSIONS AND THEIR NATIONS' RESPECTIVE APPROACHES TO ISSUES SUCH AS STABEX AND COMMON FUND. BOTH AGREED THAT AUGUST-SEPTEMBER
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PERIOD SEEMED APPROPRIATE FOR NEXT SUBCABINET SESSION.
COOPER ASKED MIYAZAKI'S ASSISTANCE IN RESOLVING ABBOTT LABORATORIES' TFC CASE. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HORMATS EXCHANGED VIEWS WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MIYASAKI MAY 30 FOR ONE HOUR ON BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES OF NATIONAL INTEREST. FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS SUMMARIZE DISCUSSIONS BY TOPIC.

3. BILATERAL MATTERS. MIYAZAKI REQUESTED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE AND CONSIDERATION IN FOLLOWING UP ON SEVERAL MATTERS RELATING TO PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S RECENT

VISIT:

(A) SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION (B) NUCLEAR MATTERS, INCLUDING ADVANCED PAYMENT FOR ENRICHMENT SERVICES AND THE PURCHASE OF ENRICHED URANIUM AND (C) ALASKAN CRUDE PURCHASES BY JAPAN. MIYAZAKI, NOTING THAT EXPERTS WERE NOW WORKING ON THE SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION MATTER, SAID THE GOJ WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE. HE ADDED THAT THE GOJ WOULD LIKE TO IDENTIFY ANY PROBLEMS QUICKLY.

ON NUCLEAR MATTERS, MIYAZAKI SAID GOJ GAVE PRIORITY TO EARLY RESOLUTION OF PREPAYMENT ISSUE BUT WOULD LIKE ALSO TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS ON ENRICHED URANIUM PURCHASE PROPOSAL. RE ALASKAN OIL, HE HOPED THAT US COULD CONTINUE TO EXAMINE GOJ'S PROPOSAL AND INFORM JAPANESE OF ITS VIEWS.

4. COOPER RESPONDED THAT WE WERE LOOKING INTO SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION MATTER. HE NOTED THAT THERE WAS AGREE-CONFIDENTIAL

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MENT WITHIN USG THAT DECOUPLING THE TWO NUCLEAR ISSUES WOULD MAKE A DECISION EASIER AND FASTER AND THAT WE EXPECTED A RESPONSE FROM DOE ON THE PREPAYMENT MATTER WITHIN A FEW DAYS. RE ALASKAN OIL ISSUE, COOPER NOTED THAT, WITH ENERGY BILL IN FINAL STAGES, WE SHOULD HAVE CLEARER PICTURE OF HOW TO PROCEED IN A FEW WEEKS. IF NOT, HE ADDED, WE WOULD HAVE TO REEXAMINE THE ISSUE.

5. SUMMIT MEETING. MIYAZAKI SAID HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT LAST WEEKEND'S PREPARATORY MEETING WAS A USEFUL ONE. HE ASKED HOW COOPER THOUGHT THE AGENDA AND DRAFT COMMUNIQUE WERE SHAPING UP. COOPER RESPONDED THAT HIS IMPRESSION WAS THE AGENDA WAS A BIT THIN. HE STATED THAT THERE WAS A POSSIBILITY THAT ANY COMMUNIQUE WOULD CLOSELY RESEMBLE LAST YEAR'S DOCUMENT. HE ADDED THAT THIS WAS NOT NECESSARILY A BAD THING AS DISCUSSIONS AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL ARE USEFUL EVEN IF NO DECISIONS ARE TAKEN, BUT THAT, IF THIS WERE TO BE THE CASE, WE SHOULD PREPARE EVERYONE BEFOREHAND. HE NOTED THAT THE EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE EFFORT WOULD BECOME A BIT CLEARER FOLLOWING THE CARTER-SCHMIDT TALKS NOW UNDERWAY. MIYAZAKI AGREED ON THE NEED TO PREVENT UNDUE EXPECTATIONS REGARDING SUMMIT RESULTS, ESPECIALLY ON THE PART OF THE MEDIA. HE EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT ECONOMIC OR FINANCIAL SETBACKS, SUCH AS A FURTHER WEAKENING OF THE DOLLAR, COULD REFLECT BADLY ON THE SUMMIT PROCEEDINGS. COOPER AGREED, SAYING WE SHOULD AVOID GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SUMMIT

WOULD WORK ECONOMIC MIRACLES. MIYAZAKI SAID HE WOULD BRIEF THE PRESS ON THE COOPERATIVE PROBLEM-SOLVING APPROACH

MANIFESTED IN THE SUMMIT AND ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING PROTECTIONIST MOVES. COOPER SAID THAT DEPARTMENT WOULD ALSO HOLD BRIEFINGS FOR CONGRESS AND PRESS.

6. OECD - ROLE IN THE SUMMIT. MIYAZAKI STATED THAT JAPAN WAS SYMPATHETIC TO OECD SECRETARY GENERAL VAN LENNEP'S CONFIDENTIAL

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VIEW THAT THE OECD SHOULD WORK AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE WITH THE SUMMIT; HOWEVER, NOTING OPPOSITION BY EC COLLEAGUES TO SUCH LINKS AT THIS TIME, MIYAZAKI SAID JAPAN SHOULD BE REALISTIC. COOPER EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO BRING IN SWITZERLAND, SWEDEN AND OTHER SMALL OECD COUNTRIES. HE THOUGHT IT WAS LARGELY A QUESTION OF FINDING THE RIGHT WORDS AND THAT AGREEMENT ON A GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR CONCERTED ACTION WAS POSSIBLE.

7. EUROPEAN CURRENCY ARRANGEMENTS. MIYAZAKI ASKED COOPER'S VIEWS ON EUROPEAN INITIATIVES REGARDING CURRENCY ARRANGEMENTS AMONG EC MEMBERS. COOPER RESPONDED THAT THE ISSUE INVOLVED THE SEPARATE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS AND THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION ITSELF, WITH THE MONETARY COMMITTEE FALLING IN BETWEEN. THE EUROPEANS, HE ADDED, COULD COME UP WITH EITHER A MODEST PACKAGE INVOLVING SOME STEPS, E.G., IN CREDIT MARKETS OR A MORE AMBITIOUS PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD STAND LITTLE CHANCE OF REALIZATION. HE NOTED THAT BOTH THE GERMANS AND THE ITALIANS REMAINED SKEPTICAL, ESPECIALLY RE COOPERATION ON EXCHANGE RATES. HE ADDED THAT WE SHOULD KNOW MORE AFTER EARLY JULY E-C SUMMIT MEETING IN BREMEN. MIYAZAKI SAID THAT HE HAD NO HIGH EXPECTATIONS FROM

THE BREMEN MEETING BUT NOTED THAT IT MIGHT HAVE A BEARING ON THE BONN MEETING. COOPER RESPONDED THAT IT WAS ENCOURAGING FOR THE EUROPEANS TO PROVIDE HIGH LEVEL POLITICAL IMPETUS TOWARD POLICY INITIATIVES AND THAT THE BREMEN MEETING SHOULD BE EVALUATED FROM A LONG-TERM VIEWPOINT. BREMEN WAS NOT, HE SAID, A FORUM FOR DETAILED TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS.

8. NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS. MIYAZAKI SAID HE WAS VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCOURAGED ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE RECENT UNCTAD-GROUP OF 77 MEETING IN NEW YORK. HE SAID THAT, IN HIS VIEW, THERE WOULD BE NO USE IN SENDING HIGH LEVEL REPRESENTATION TO THE SEPTEMBER SESSION UNLESS THERE WERE SIGNS THAT THE

THE SESSION WOULD BE MORE PRODUCTIVE. COOPER AND OTHERS PRESENT AGREED THAT THE LAST MEETING HAD BEEN HIGHLY POLITICAL. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HORMATS SAID THE GROUP OF 77 APPARENTLY EQUATED SUCCESS OF THE SESSION WITH ACHIEVING THE NEGOTIATION OF NEW COMMITMENTS

BY THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SOMETHING NO DC WAS PREPARED TO DO AT THIS STAGE. HE SAID WE SHOULD STRESS TO ALL CONCERNED THAT THE OVERVIEW

WAS A FORUM TO DISCUSS ISSUES OF INTEREST, BUT NOT TO NEGOTIATE SPECIFICS. COOPER ADDED THAT THIS WAS A UNIQUE FORUM WHERE NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC SPECIALISTS COULD MEET. HE SAID THAT WE MUST EMPHASIZE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ITS VALUE IN THIS RESPECT. HE ADDED THAT MIYAZAKI COULD HELP BY ENLISTING THE COOPERATION OF THE ASEAN COUNTRIES DURING HIS FORTHCOMING TRIP TO THAILAND WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SONODA.

9. COMMON FUND. MIYAZAKI ASKED WHETHER USG WAS THINKING OF GIVING NEW IMPETUS TO DISCUSSIONS OF A COMMON FUND. HORMATS SAID THAT US WAS WARY OF BEING DRAWN INTO AN "UNCTAD COMPROMISE" ON THE UNCTAD PROPOSAL. HE NOTED THAT SOME POINTS SUCH AS THE USE OF THE \$500 MILLION FUND (DIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIRST WINDOW), WERE UNCLEAR, AS WERE EXACT PROCEDURES REGARDING THE 25-75 RATIO. FOLLOWING A DISCUSSION, BOTH COOPER AND HORMATS AGREED THAT THERE WAS A NEED FOR TIGHTER DEFINITIONS. MIYAZAKI STATED THAT A MEETING (UNCTAD V) WAS SCHEDULED NEXT YEAR IN MANILA. COOPER NOTED THAT THE RECENT "COMPROMISE" PUT FORWARD BY KOREA WAS UNACCEPTABLE TO THE US.

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10. STABEX. MIYAZAKI SAID THAT ASEAN HAD ASKED JAPAN TO STUDY A STABEX PROPOSAL FOR COMMODITIES. HE SAID THAT JAPAN HAD NOT YET MADE UP ITS MIND, BUT WAS GIVING THE ISSUE URGENT ATTENTION. COOPER RECALLED HE HAD BEEN QUITE NEGATIVE ON A SIMILAR ASEAN PROPOSAL LAST SUMMER. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE COUNTRIES UNDER THE LOME CONVENTION ON WHICH THE ARRANGEMENT WAS PATTERNED, WERE MUCH SMALLER AND LESS DIVERSIFIED EXPORTERS THAN THE ASEAN COUNTRIES. HE ADDED THAT ANY MECHANISM FOR ASEAN SHOULD NOT FOCUS ONLY ON COMMODITIES, BUT ON THE OVERALL EXPORT EARNINGS ISSUE. HE NOTED THAT THE IMF COMPENSATORY FINANCING MECHANISM COULD EASILY HANDLE THIS. MIYAZAKI EMPHASIZED THAT JAPAN ONLY HAD THE MATTER UNDER STUDY.

11. SUB-CABINET MEETING. COOPER ASKED MIYAZAKI ABOUT JAPANESE VIEWS ON TIMING FOR THE NEXT SUBCABINET SESSION. HE NOTED SUBCABINET'S UTILITY IN AFFORDING BOTH GOVERNMENTS A VIEW OF THE OVERALL PICTURE AND SAID WE WERE THINKING

OR AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER. MIYAZAKI SAID SEPTEMBER SEEMED TO BE BETTER FOR THE JAPANESE. BOTH AGREED TO STAY IN TOUCH ON THE MATTER AND TRY TO DECIDE AS THE SUMMIT APPROACHES.

12. TFC. COOPER ASKED MIYAZAKI'S ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING A TFC CASE INVOLVING THE SALE OF HEPATITIS TEST PROCEDURES IN JAPAN BY ABBOTT LABORATORIES. HE SAID THAT THE ABBOTT APPLICATION HAD BEEN PENDING SINCE 1972 AND THAT THIS APPEARED TO BE AN ADEQUATE PERIOD IN WHICH TO CONDUCT ANY NECESSARY TESTING. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELFARE HAD RECENTLY EXPRESSED ITS DISPLEASURE TO ABBOTT FOR PUSHING THE ISSUE AND HAD INTIMATED THAT FUTURE APPROVALS MIGHT BE DIFFICULT FOR THEM. COOPER
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SAID THAT ALL JAPANESE OFFICIALS SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE IMPLICATIONS OF SUCH A STATEMENT. HE ADDED THAT MHW AND ALL OTHER OFFICIALS CONCERNED SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT THERE IS A NATIONAL OBJECTIVE (IMPORT LIBERALIZATION) IN-

VOLVED IN A CASE LIKE THIS. MIYAZAKI SAID HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE DETAILS BUT WOULD CHECK INTO THE CASE. CHRISTOPHER

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